



IT'S ALMOST HERE... and the echo back in, "Why shout about it?" Of course we are referring to the opening of schools in the Farmington and Clarencville School District. And of course the echo is from the youngsters who must get back to the classrooms next Wednesday and Thursday. We don't mean to shout about it, but it is a swell way to add off the column because it is very much in the minds of youngsters and parents too, right now. Like we have said before, going back to school is like a lot of other things we don't particularly relish, it isn't half as bad as it seems at the moment. You will have a chance to see all your friends again. You will jump right into the interesting football season ahead and besides that, your Mom will have a chance to catch up on things again after another active summer. So, you see, it won't be so bad after all. Are you convinced?

A NICE TURNOUT... was present at the special meeting of the Council last Monday night. It was encouraging to see the chambers jammed to the rafters for a change. If we had this kind of interest displayed at every meeting, a lot more constructive action would be accomplished. A lot of excellent ideas were expressed which could lay the foundation for some important planning. As was suggested at the meeting, the first step in the right direction would be to have merchant representation at all of the meetings. It would not only serve the merchants and the community better, but would avoid some wrong turns and delays along the way.

A BIG WEEK END... you no doubt have plans on how you are going to spend your Labor Day. Take a tip right now to include in those plans safe driving. Police and safety authorities are hard at work trying to remind motorists that the week end ahead is packed with danger. They aren't talking just to hear their voices, they know what they are talking about. They are speaking to you, and if you value your life you will listen. All of the highways will be crowded. And unless things are a lot different than ever before (we hope they are) there will be some in a big rush. Watch out for him, he will take chances with his life and yours too. A few minutes lost may mean a life saved. Please take note!

FILL IN THAT CALENDAR... there are big doings coming. The Farmington Garden Club has made plans for their annual Flower Show which will be held Friday, September 7, at the Farmington Methodist Church. If you have a plant or particular flower arrangement you are especially proud of enter it in the show so others can enjoy it too. Or if you just like flowers be sure and stop and have a good look. Then don't forget the Town Club's Old Fashioned Tea Party set for Saturday, September 15, at the Farmington High School. You won't want to miss the interesting exhibit of souvenirs of old Farmington, the cards, or the refreshments. So fill in that calendar and get back in the swing of things.

WE COULDN'T MISS IT... and we don't imagine very many others could miss it either. We refer to the condition of the sidewalk in front of where the Farmington Furniture Store used to be. It is a mess of papers, broken glass and general debris. Unfortunately, it is right where most people stand to get the bus and as the path most people take to get to the post office. It is a pretty rugged path right now. Maybe the city could sort of tidy up the scenery a little maybe the merchants could get together too. It's kept in shape. It isn't exactly their responsibility but it would be a big improvement.

IF SOMETHING... looks different to you when you drive down near the Grand River. See the new parking lot, it could be the new parking lot just completed by the C. F. Smith Company Store. The new lot is just across Ontario Street. About a year ago a house was removed from the property and now it is a handy parking lot. It will hold about 50 cars and is well kept for C. F. Smith Company customers. The new lot will take cars off the street and reduce congestion in that area. It will also add greatly to the attractiveness and conveniences of the C. F. Smith store.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS... to Charles Layton and the Farmington Kiwanis Club on the selection of Layton as the lone candidate for Lt. Governor of Division Five of the Michigan Kiwanis. It is a big job but we know from past experience that Charles will do a real job. Congratulations, too, to Hugo Peterson and the Farmington Exchange Club on the opening of another season. Pete is the newly elected president of the Exchange Club.

THAT NEW LOOK... has been added at Li's Infant Wear and it's a mighty attractive look too. The interior of the shop has been remodeled with many new show cases being added. Plans in the process of being completed call for shadow boxes to be installed above the show cases. Li's stated that the shadow boxes will reach to the ceiling and allow for the display of a great deal more merchandise. It is really worth your looking at so why not stop in the next time you are down Grand River?

Plan Large Entry At Flower Show

A large number of entries are expected for the Annual Garden Club Flower Show to be held Friday, September 7, at the First Methodist Church. Plans are now completed for the annual show, which will open to the public at 2:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. The theme of this year's show is, "All Through The House" and will feature arrangements for the living room, dining room, kitchen and bedroom. Mrs. Walter Coon is in charge of arrangement classes. Another outstanding feature of this year's Flower Show will be the greenhouse. Mrs. Walter Gardner is in charge of horticultural classes. The public is invited to make entries in both horticultural and flower arrangement classes. (Continued on Page Ten)

Town Club Completes Plans For Sept. 15 Party

Early ticket sales indicate that a large attendance will be present at the Town Club's Old Fashioned Tea Party to be held Saturday, September 15, at the Farmington High School auditorium. The party was announced that Farmington merchants were not being asked to contribute to this year's party. They pointed out that asking merchants for donations is a new imposition and if this year's program works out successfully it may set a pattern for future parties. Club members are contributing prizes for the various activities. Many of the contributions will be hand made. In addition to refreshments, there will be card playing and an inter- (Continued on Page Ten)

TROJANS OPEN GRID PRACTICE WITH 31 PLAYERS

Thirty-one candidates for the 1951 Clarencville High School football team turned out for the first practice session Monday afternoon at the home of Harry McKittick, Trojan grid coach. McKittick stated that the group of candidates is expected to reach approximately 45 by the time school opens. Practice sessions are being held twice a day during the first week. One session is being held in the morning and one in the afternoon. An intrasquad game will be held this Friday on the Clarencville field, with a scrimmage game next Friday, September 7, against Wayne High School on the Wayne gridiron. Of the 31 candidates reporting the first day, eight are returning lettermen. They include Captain Ed Grimm, end; Elmer Roussier, quarterback; Joe Wyrto, halfback; Jerry Albers, halfback; Bill Robbins, halfback; John Robertson, tackle; Bill Meyers, halfback; and Russell Record, end. The first game of the 1951 season will be held Friday afternoon, September 14, against South Lyon on the Clarencville gridiron.

Grand River Resurfacing Begins In Business Area

The first strip of new road surface to be laid on Grand River, where the business district is being put down Monday week from the Farmington Road Intersection. Workmen applied the new surface to the extreme south lane and the other two lanes to the north lanes. In the meantime, laying of the new surface continued on the eastern end of the city. On Tuesday the strip on the south lane had been extended to Power Road.

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CITY RESCINDS GRAND RIVER NO PARKING RESOLUTION



FARMINGTON was represented at the Fifth International Model Plane Contest held last Saturday and Sunday at Belle Isle by Donald Warthman (extreme right) of 2249 Sherwood Avenue. He was one of 500 top model plane flyers from all parts of the United States and Canada who participated in the annual meet. Donald is the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warthman. The contest is sponsored annually by the Plymouth Motor Corporation. Pictured left right are Harold Fumell, 17 years old, of Middletown, New York; Raymond Baker, 16 years old, of Shreveport, Louisiana; Bob Sutton, 17 years old, of Topeka, Kansas; Carl Jadeski, 16 years old, of Kitchener, Ontario, and Donald Warthman.

Schools Set For Opening Next Week With Record Attendance Assured

Record enrollment is predicted by school officials of both the Farmington Township and Clarencville School Districts as final plans are being completed for the opening of classrooms next week. Classes begin in the Clarencville School District on Wednesday morning, September 5. Farmington Township Schools will open Thursday morning, September 6. Teachers at both schools will report for meetings on Tuesday, September 4. Farmington teachers will meet both Tuesday and Wednesday. The largest increases in enrollment are expected in the elementary schools of both districts. Miss Minnie Ziekle, elementary supervisor of the Farmington Township School District, announced Monday that a total of approximately 1,600 students are expected to be enrolled in kindergarten through the sixth grade. This is compared to 1,514 enrolled at the close of school last June, and 1,419 enrolled the first day in September, 1950. Stanley Irish, elementary coordinator at Clarencville, stated that approximately 1,000 students will enroll in the elementary grades at Clarencville with the opening of school next week. A total of 928 were registered in September of last year. The 1,000 figure includes all students in the District from kindergarten through the sixth grade.

72% Of City Taxes Paid With Deadline Saturday

An estimated 72 per cent of the total 1951 city property taxes had been paid through Tuesday of this week according to information from the city treasurer's office. To avoid a tax penalty of one per cent, taxes are payable until September 1. Taxes not paid by that date will have a two per cent penalty added and will be payable until November 1. After November 1 another two per cent penalty is to be added making a total of four per cent on the tax. With the second penalty added, delinquent taxes are payable until March 1. Following this date, all taxes still not paid are turned over to the county at Pontiac. If no one wants them after a lapse of four or five days, the township dogs are taken to the shelter at Pontiac where the county feds the food and housing bills. Unfortunately, city dogs aren't as lucky. Talking about yapping dogs, Deputy Ballou reports that occasionally he picks up a mother with a complete litter and then he really has his hands full.

The Great Night Howl City Police Capture Disturbing Dog Following Neighborhood Alarm Call

Fido has a loud bark and piercing howl. This instance is the fictitious name for a wire-haired pointer named Fido who was active around 22515 Floral, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonough, in the early morning hours of last week Thursday. Loud barking by Fido not only around the neighborhood but it got city police chasing him and finally he was whisked off to the dog pound where he was turned over to Deputy E. F. Ballou for safe keeping. Deputy Ballou said that by law all dogs taken in the city are supposed to be destroyed after three days if not claimed. Owners of dogs with licenses on their collars or harnesses are notified by authorities if their dogs are picked up. But lady luck had other plans for Fido with the big howl. A hawbaw from Detroit took a fancy

Board Sets Final Date For School Construction Bids

Farmington To Open Bids September 17
Sealed bids on the construction of the Bond and Middlebelt School additions and the new 10 Mile Elementary School will be opened Monday, September 17, it was announced following a special meeting of the Farmington Township School Board last Wednesday evening. The Board set the September 17 date following approval of the detailed plans and specifications for the three new school units. The opening of bids will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Farmington High School, Wednesday, September 12. The Board set the September 12 date for the receiving of sealed bids on the sale of the first series of \$500,000 worth of school bonds to finance the construction. At the special meeting Wednesday evening the Board, along with representatives of Eberle Smith, Associates, school architects, reviewed the final specifications. A few minor changes were suggested by Bayard Tupper, treasurer of the Board, who went over the specifications in detail prior to the meeting. The advertisements for bids on the construction work are broken down into architectural, mechanical, electrical, and kitchen work for all three units. The Bond School addition will contain six classrooms plus a kitchen. The Middlebelt addition will include eight new classrooms plus kitchen facilities. The new 10 Mile Road School, to be built adjacent to the present elementary building, will contain 10 classrooms plus a kitchen. Construction work is expected to begin as soon as the bonds have been sold and the construction contracts awarded.

Special School Vote Planned At Clarencville

Architect Directed To Draw Tentative Plan
The Clarencville Board of Education has approved a motion calling for a special election on the proposed school building program. It was announced this week. Details on the date of the election, cost of the program and type of buildings to be constructed will be outlined by the Board after the complete information is secured. A formal resolution on the special election is now being drawn up by the school attorney. The Board has authorized the school architect to prepare tentative plans and sketches for proposed elementary classrooms and possible additions. It is expected that the plans being drawn by Eberle Smith, Associates will be ready for Board study by the end of the week. At the end of that time plans will be very brief and are only preliminary.

Hold Opening Grid Practice

Opening day football practice at Farmington High School football field saw 70 grid candidates go through blocking, dummy tackling and kicking workouts under the direction of football coach Bill Nuse Monday morning and afternoon. Two sessions of practice in the morning and afternoon were scheduled all this week for the Falcon gridlers. Assisting Bill Nuse with football this year are Warren Picha, backfield and freshman coach, and Bob Burch, line coach. Burch is being assisted by Tom Pegg. An intra-squad game starting at 11 a.m. is slated for Labor Day. Every member of the football squad will play, Coach Nuse said. The opening game for the Falcons is against Plymouth, here on September 14. Plymouth has been able to score a touchdown against Farmington in three years, but they now have a new coach and are a coming club, Nuse reported, and are expected to be fairly rough. Last year Farmington defeated Plymouth 12 to 0.

Football Co-Captains Talk It Over

Gazing over the Farmington High School football prospects for the coming season are co-captains Norm Raupp, 18, (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Raupp of 32493 Shady Side Drive, and Don Byrne, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Byrne of 2177 W. Main. The two will lead the Falcon gridlers in the wake of last year's eighth-win, no-loss season. Raupp is a tackle while Byrne is a backfield man. Following an intra-squad game on Labor Day, the team opens their season against Plymouth at the home field on September 14.

Merchants Jam Council Chambers Monday To Protest Action

The City Council rescinded its action of last week calling for the establishment of no parking on the north side of Grand River at a jam-packed special meeting Monday evening at the Municipal Building. Approximately 25 merchants crowded into the Council chambers to protest the no parking zone on the north side of Grand River through the city. The Council approved the resolution at their meeting last week. James Cavanaugh, who initially presented the motion, stated earlier that it was his intention to have the resolution drafted for consideration and not for immediate approval. He was unable to attend the Monday meeting, having left a letter stating his willingness to have the motion rescinded. The Council stated that they would take under consideration for discussion at their next regular meeting the possibility of installing parking meters in the business district as well as the establishment of a no parking zone on Grand River. Levine requested. All of the merchants protested the action of the Council as injurious to business. Most of them stated that they did not feel that traffic was necessarily congested during the week, that the problem developed primarily on week ends during the warmer months. Levine was asked if he had a traffic count on the cars passing through Farmington on Grand River to substantiate the recommendations. He stated that he had no definite figures but that he took a visual survey and knows the condition. A number of merchants advised the consideration of making the Cut-Off around Farmington into a two-way street. Levine was pointed out that the Highway Department already has sufficient right of way to do the job. It was also recommended that the problem be discussed during the next meeting. (Continued on Page Ten)

Apartment Dwellers Routed By Early Fire

Occupants of seven apartments over Duffy's Supply Company, 29250 Grand River, were routed out early Wednesday morning, when fire destroyed a shed in the Adams apartment complex. The fire was first reported at 1:30 a.m. when the Farmington Fire Department was called. Mrs. Gus Neitz, wife of the owner of Duffy's Supply, stated that she put in the call. Apparently calls were also made by residents on Rochester Street. According to Mrs. Neitz, one apartment at the rear right of the building was damaged by fire. Fire and smoke could be seen a considerable distance from the scene. None of the other apartments in the building were damaged. The exact cause of the fire was not known, as no one was on the premises. A shed full of lumber and building materials was destroyed in addition to considerable smoke and water damage to the one apartment closest to the blaze. The Livonia Fire Department was also called to the fire to assist the Farmington Department. Gus Neitz, owner of Duffy's Supply, stated Wednesday that he wanted to express his appreciation to the neighbors for their help and assistance.

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